# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND (Northern Division)

CASEY MULLINS, et al.

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action No.: L-02-CV-1634 v.

OFFICER THOMAS JUGAN, et al.

Defendants.

### DEFENDANT THOMAS JUGAN'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Defendant, Thomas Jugan, Defendant, hereby answers the Complaint of Plaintiffs and states his affirmative defenses as follows:

- 1. Defendant lacks the knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether Plaintiffs were residents of Maryland and all relevant times in their Complaint.
- Defendant Thomas Jugan admits that he is citizen 2. of the United States and resident of Baltimore, Maryland. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 3. Defendant Jugan believes that the Defendant Baltimore Police Department is a Municipal or state agency. No answer is required as to the balance of the paragraph, as it contains a legal conclusion.

allegations contained in paragraph 4 are true.

- 5. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 5 are true.
- 6. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 6 are true.
- 7. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 7 are true.
- 8. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 8 are true.
- 9. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 9 are true.
- 10. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 10 are true.
- 11. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 11 are true.

- 12. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 12 are true.
- 13. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 13 are true.
- 14. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 14 are true.
- 15. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 15 are true.
  - 16. Denied.
- 17. Defendant Jugan is without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether or not the allegations contained in paragraph 17 are true.
  - No answer required. 18.
- 19. Paragraph 19 is a legal conclusion, no answer is required; but to an extent an answer is required, paragraph 19 is denied.
- Paragraph 20 is a legal conclusion, no answer is 20. required; but to an extent an answer is required, paragraph 20 is denied.

- 21. Paragraph 21 is a legal conclusion, no answer is required; but to an extent an answer is required, paragraph 21 is denied.
- 22. Paragraph 22 is a legal conclusion, no answer is required; but to an extent an answer is required, paragraph 22 is denied.
- 23. Paragraph 23 is a legal conclusion, no answer is required; but to an extent an answer is required, paragraph 23 is denied.
  - 24. No answer required.
- 25. Paragraph 26 is a legal conclusion, no answer is required; but to the extent an answer is required, paragraph 26 is denied.
- 26. Paragraph 27 is a legal conclusion, no answer is required; but to the extent an answer is required, paragraph 27 is denied.
- 27. Paragraph 28 is a legal conclusion, no answer is required; but to the extent an answer is required, paragraph 28 is denied.
  - 28. No answer required.
- 29. As paragraph 30 is a legal conclusion, no answer is required; but to the extent an answer is required, paragraph 30 is denied.

30. As paragraph 31 is a legal conclusion, no answer is required; but to the extent an answer is required, paragraph 31 is denied.

## <u>AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES</u> PRIMARY DEFENSE

Plaintiffs fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

## **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Some, if not all, of the Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrine of qualified immunity.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs fail to establish all or at least some of the elements required to establish a prima facie case of discrimination or unlawful retaliation.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All or at least some of Plaintiffs' claim are time barred under the applicable statute of limitations.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Some of Plaintiffs' claims are preempted.

## SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant has a legitimate, non-discriminatory and/or non-retaliatory reason in his treatment of the Plaintiffs.

#### **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Some if not all of Plaintiffs' damages are caused by a third party over whom this Defendant has no power or control.

#### **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Defendant exercised reasonable care to prevent and to correct promptly any harassing or discriminating behavior and/or Plaintiffs unreasonably failed to take advantage of any preventive or corrective opportunities provided by the Baltimore Police Department to otherwise avoid harm.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 7th day of July 2003, a copy of Defendant Thomas Jugan's Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint electronically filed and mailed firstclass, postage prepaid, to:

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